What to do Before, During, and After a Flood

Before a Flood

- Move valuables to higher shelves or floors.
- Keep nearby storm drains clear.
- Get plastic tarps and sandbags to block water.
- Learn the best evacuation route.
- Plan transportation to get everyone, including pets and livestock, to safety.
- Keep your car's gas tank at least half full.
- Plan for power outages by charging necessary battery and backup devices.
- Talk to your neighbors about how you can work together to keep each other safe.



- Leave immediately when ordered by officials
- Never walk into moving water. Just six inches can make you fall!
- Never drive into flooded areas. A foot of water can float many vehicles.
- If trapped inside, move to higher floors or the roof. Do not go into the attic. Call 9-1-1.
- Stay alert for mudslides
- Avoid contact with floodwater

SJC Office of Emergency Services:

Visit SJReady.org for information and to report downed trees or damage.
Text SJStorms to 888777 for direct notifications in your area

After a Flood



- Wait until officials say it is safe to go home. If you cannot go home, call 2-1-1 to find emergency shelter near you.
- Beware of falling trees or damaged structures
- If you have flood damage, visit SJReady.org to report and find necessary resources.
- Check-in with family and friends.
- Be aware of potential hazardous materials that may have been moved during the flood.

Know When to Go!

Evacuation Warning- Serious threat, get ready to leave. Allow time if animals or livestock are involved.

Evacuation Order- Leave immediately. Your life is in danger.

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